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The story so far...

In junior high, Ai Hasekura was a jinx girl – a plain, nerdy wallflower who never attracted anyone's attention. But after a dramatic incident of public humiliation, Ai vowed to change her life forever. In hopes of getting a fresh start, she made herself over into a slender, gorgeous babe before entering high school. Though Ai has achieved her dream of becoming beautiful, she's still adjusting to the delights and hazards of her new life, including her on-again, off-again relationship with dashing classmate Sō. Ai is wracked with anxiety over her lack of sexual experience – she feels horribly naïve compared to her friends, especially Sō, and fears she'll prove the cruel taunts of her junior high classmates true by remaining a virgin until she's 30. Ai and Sō's romance is complicated further by the appearance of a new student named Mimura, who seems intent on breaking them up. Mimura tries to blackmail Ai into dumping Sō, and when that fails, he tells Sō that Ai is secretly dating Sō's best friend Kato. Though Sō doesn't believe Mimura, a glimpse of Ai and Kato talking together puts a seed of doubt in his mind and he realizes that if the rumor is true, he'll have no reason to stay in Tokyo ...



characters



Ai Mackawa

Ai, our heroine, is still getting used to life as a popular girl.

Sō Ichinose

Sō, a cool and stoic guy, is now Ai's boyfriend



Yūichirō Kato

Yūchiro, Sō's best friend since primary school, secretly pines for Ai

Mina Sato

Ai's best friend
Mina, a trendy, super-tan Kō-Gal, is madly in love with Yūchiro



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Chapter 19





IT'S
GORGEOUS
AND GREEN
THERE...
JAPAN
DON'T
EVEN
COME
CLOSE

THIS
SUMMER
OH, I'M
GOING ON
A SECRET
ROMANTIC
TRIP
TO BEAN
WITH MY
BOYFRIEND

OUTWASHED
BODIES WILL
CLING TO ONE
ANOTHER
IN A LUSTY
EMBRACE!...
OUR RADIANT
PASSION WILL
MELT THE
ICE IN OUR
DREAMS...



...
NOT.

OR

...



Chapter 19

I got the far and there decided to abandon the plot I'd planned on using. I forced the story into an entirely different direction, causing big confusion. H-aaa, my editor left the series after this chapter. (Thank you very much, H-aaa, for looking after me so long!)



WOO HOO!

ALL RIGHT,
LET'S GO
THERE AND
ENJOY
WHAT'S
LEFT
OF OUR
SUMMER
TOGETHER!

TOGETHER, FNO,
HOLD ON,
WAIT A
SEC--

LOUP!
THAT'S
FACE.

HEY, YOU
WANT
LOUP?

I
DO,
BUT
IT'S IN
LOUP.

WHOMEVER
ASKED
MOMIE
TO BREAK
US UP, HE
SUCCEEDED
IN MAKING
THINGS
AWKWARD...

You have
to speak
up with
us.

That's
why I
couldn't
get her
to come
a trip with
me...

YOU'D
JUST
BE A
NUSSANCE
ANYWAY

FINE!
WE'LL
GO
WITH
OUT
YOU!

JUST
FIND
IT...

FORGET
IT. MY
PARENTS
HAVE BEEN
TRYING TO
GET ME TO
GO THERE
FOREVER,
BUT NOT
GONING.

COULD
YOU
PLEASE
STOP
DOING
THIS?



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SUPPER!
MY BEST-
FRIEND
(PLUS TWO
HANDSOME-
TOM!
AND THE
SPARKLING
OCEAN!!

ANOTHER
PAGE IN
THE BOOK
OF MY
IDEALS...
WROTE WITH
THOSE
TWO KEY
WORDS...



HELLO...

HIS
ONLY
EVEN IF
SO MANY
DON'T
COME
FOR MY
SAKE...

WH-
WHAT
ARE
YOU?

HA HA,
HA! SEE?
THIS IS
HOW WE
NURTURE
OUR
RELATION-
SHIP,
TUCKER!



SAFETY IS
IT TOO
LATE
TO STOP
THIS
PAGE
OUT?

LOOK,
THERE'S
A
BABY
ONE!

NO, THAT'S
A USED
CONDOM...

LOOK,
IT'S THE
END OF
SUPPER,
ALL RIGHT--
THE JELLY-
FISH ARE
FLOATING...

AND SO
ON...

THAT'S
ALL I
NEED
!!



HEY,
LOOK!
THERE'S
AN
ISLAND
ONE!
THERE!

NO! I WILL
NOT BE
DEFEATED!
I MUST
THINK
POSITIVE
THOUGHTS!



LOOK!
SEA-
GULLS



I SHOULD
JUST TRY
AND
FORGET
ABOUT
MARRIED
AND

BEING BACK
TO THE
FAMILIAR
HURT'S OF
I LOVE
IN A LONG-
STANDING
RELATIONSHIP
NO MORE
DISTANCE
OF OR 12
COURTSHIP

AND
THIS IS
MORE
LIKE
IT



OWO...
WHAT MORE
DO YOU
WANT FROM ME?

YOU
ALREADY
RANDED
THE
FIRST
HALF
OF MY
SUMMER
VACATION



HEY.

HEY,
MIMI-
RAN!

MIMURA
?!

GAH!



YOU
MUST
KNOW
WHAT I'M
HERE, THEN."



RAT BOY!
I KNOW
WHAT
YOU'RE UP
TO. I HEARD
FROM
MY DAD.

GO
HOME





Everyday Scenery #1

Even though
this child is the
product of a
British father
and a Japanese
mother, she's
incredibly plain.



Flat
face

No scent
of English Tea
about her

Dear
God, I'm
merciless.
But...
It's all
true!



But
I don't
want
you
to
be
a
ghost.

I'M SO
GLAD TO
SEE YOU.
SO KUN,
I'VE BEEN
LOOKING
FORWARD
TO YOUR
VISIT...



COMING
TO
THE
FUTURE

COMPARED
WITH
SO KUN'S
SUMMER
HOME,
MINE
IS OLD,
BUT...



I THOUGHT YOU'D
HAVE FIGURED IT
OUT BY NOW...
SHE'S THE REASON
SO-SAN DOESN'T
LIKE TO VISIT IZU -
AND THE SECRET
BEHIND WHY I
TRIED TO BREAK
YOU GUYS UP...

SAKURANO
IS THE
GIRL
SO-SAN'S
PARENTS
CHOSE
FOR HIM.



OH...

WHAT'S
GONG
ON?
EXPLAIN
YOURSELF!



NO, I
DON'T!

And
Luz
can't

DO YOU
KNOW
WHO
MY
DAD
IS?

I'M NOT
LYING. I'M ONLY
DOING
THIS
BECAUSE
MY DAD
ASKED
ME TO.

LUZ
ARRANGED
MARRIAGES
DIED OUT
BEFORE
THE WAR!



MY FATHER
WORKS
AS THE
PERSONAL
SECRETARY
TO COM-
MISSARIAN
ICHINOSE.

♡







THAT DRESS
IS RAW SILK...
PROBABLY
WORTH
OVER
¥10,000...

ISS-1111-100US\$460



HA HA HA

MY DRESS WAS ONLY ¥5000... BUT I BOUGHT IT ON SALE!

SHE CHALLENGED
HIMSELF FOR
WHEN SHE BOUGHT
AND THE DRESS
WAS OVER
¥10,000...
IT WAS IN...

SHEET
I'M A
SMARTER
SHOPPER
THAN
SHE IS!
I WANT

HA HA



THAT
LAMP
AND



NEED
PLACE

FOR
THE
LAMP



...THAT
DISH...
HOW MUCH
DO YOU
THINK
THEY'RE
WORTH
TOGETHER?









WHAT?
YOU'RE LEAVING
ALREADY?



WITHOUT CORPORATIONS
BACKING HIM, SO I
DAD WILL LOSE IN
OTHER WORDS,
HE NEEDS SAKURADO'S FAMILY.



HEH
HEH

OF
COURSE NOT! WE
CAN'T LET A BEAUTI-
FUL LADY OF YOUR
STATUS RISK A
BURN.

FIRE-
WORKS. OH, MAY
BE.



UH...
YEAH.



DESERVES
SAKURADO-
SAN MUST
HAVE
NOTICED
I'M HIS
ONE
FRIEND.

IT IS AN
FINE
SOMETHING
DOESN'T
CARE
ABOUT HER
FAMILY HE
CHOSE
HER.



W-WE'RE
GOING TO
SET OFF
SOME
FIRE-
WORKS
TONIGHT...
RIGHT?

RIGHT?
A



BUT TO
BE ITTER
BRING
SOME
FAST
AID
JUST IN
CASE!

THIS IS
GONNA
TO BE
HARDER
THAN I
THOUGHT!

WHAT?
SURE
YOU
ARE



OH NO,
I'M
NOT
LIKE
THAT

FLUSH...



SO-HUH,
WHAT'RE
YOU
DOING?

Let
go.

UH



OH



WHERE
CAN
WE
BUY
THE
FIRE-
WORKS?

I GOT
THERE'S
A SHOP
NEAR
HERE

I'm
really
going
with it!

I JUST
REMEMBERED
PLAYING
KUNDOAMASHI
WITH
MY DAD
AROUND
HERE WHEN
I WAS A KID.

HA
HA
HA

OH,
HOW
CUTE.
WANT
HE
DO?

A test of courage, sometimes played as a game where one person tries to scare his opponent



THAT'S
THE
CRUELIEST
KIDDO-
MESH
EVER.

GOOD
ONE!
AND IT
TURNED
OUT
TO BE
TRUE!



"SO, AS A
MATTER
OF FACT,
YOU AND
I ARE NOT
BLOOD-
RELATED."



I WAS SO
SHOCKED
I COULDN'T
BREATHE, BUT
HE DIDN'T
REACT TO
THAT. HE
JUST KEPT
GOOFING
AROUND WITH
ME LIKE
IT DIDN'T
MATTER.



HE
LOVED
ME. HE
WANTED
ME TO
HEAR
IT FROM
HIM
FIRST.



IN
THE
END—

WHAT A
HORRIBLE
THING
TO DO
TO A
CHILD...



I HEARD
THAT
ABOUT IT...
ONCE I
STARTED
SCHOOL,
THAT WOMAN
FOUNDED
IT OUT
BECAUSE OF
OUR BLOOD
TYPES
OR
WHAT-
EVER.

SURE,
IT IS.



...BUT
I KNOW
IT
MATTERS.

...I
CAN'T
STAND
THIS.



I LOVE HIM.
I LOVE HIM
SO MUCH
I COULDN'T
PAY IT BACK
IF I SPENT
THE REST
OF MY LIFE
TRYING.



I WISH
I COULD
THINK OF
SOME-
THING
COMFORT-
ING TO
SAY...



I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT
TO DO
NOW...



WHAT IF HE PICKS
SALARYMAN-SAN
BECAUSE HE
THINKS HE OWES
IT TO HIS FATHER?
I MEAN, WHO
AM I IF I'M JUST
THE DAUGHTER
OF A SALARY-
MAN WHO WEARS
WEDD DRESS-ES
(ONE, NOT
MY DAD)...

OH
NO, I'M
GETTING
DE-
PRESS-ED



MAYBE I'M
GETTING
TOO
CONFIDENT
WHERE
SO-KUN
IS CON-
FIDENT...







WHAT ABOUT
"FLAMING
DART"?
"BLAST"
"SMOKE-
FREE"
"COLORFUL
STARS"...

THAT'S
ALL
YOU'D
NEED

HEAT
UP
READY



YOU'RE
MY
FRIEND

?

HEAT



?



THE
LIGHTER
WON'T
WORK

WHOA...
IT'S
CRAP!
WINDY.

WE'D
BETTER
USE
THE
CANDLES.



YAY,
IT LIT!
LET
THE
FUN
BEGIN!

UZZF

11-04

H-NO, NO!
 BUT IT
 OUTWEI-
 SHOULDN'T
 BE
 MEASURING
 AROUND
 WITH THE
 SPIRIT
 WORLD.

OH MY...
IT'S
A BIT
LIKE A
SEANCE

CRACKS

2015

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IT'S
ABOUT
SO-KUN.

CAN
I HAVE
A MOMENT
?



LET'S JUST
START THE
PREWORK.
SOMEBODY
PICK SOME-
THING.

OHAY!
LET'S
TRY THE
WHITE
DRAGON!

THAT'LL
BE
HARD TO
LIGHT...
IT GOT
DARK!



YES,
I KNOW
REYU-
SAN
TOLD
ME.

YOU
KNOW OF
SO-KUN'S
GIRL-
FRIEND,
DON'T?



HERE
IT
COMES
TO
US!

WELL...



AND YOU KNOW
YOU HAVE TO
BREAK UP WITH
HIM, DON'T YOU?
I BELIEVE IF YOU
REALLY CARE
ABOUT HIM...



IF YOU CARE
ABOUT HIM,
DON'T YOU
THINK YOU
SHOULD LET
HIM MAKE
UP HIS OWN
MIND...?

OHAY
YOU
DON'T...







**B
W**



**R
S
T**



In real life, don't turn firearms on people. C'mon.





I MAY
NOT HAVE
WEALTH
TO
OFFER,
BUT...
HE LOVES
ME...

I
THINK

NO...
SHE'S
RIGHT.

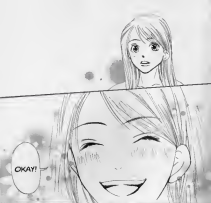
...YOU
THINK?

NEW
NEW
UGH, HOW
PATHETIC
IS IT THAT
I CAN'T
EVEN BE
SURE OF HIS
FEELINGS
FOR ME! ?



YOU
MEAN
IT...?
REALLY





OKAY!



BUT THEN...



...AND THERE WAS NO TRACE OF SO...



...SCHOOL REMAINED ONE WHEN PASSED THEM TWO...



doubt!!



Chapter 20



STILL
NO
GO...



AAA, AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE HIS BODYGUARD? WOULDN'T HE CALL YOU?

I KNOW, BUT WHAT HAPPENED...

TO HIM?

THE ROBBER ISN'T COMING...

SHUT
UP
!!



This chapter proceeded the same way as Chapter 19; I threw away my plans and left it to fate to dictate the futures of our friends... As of this chapter, the series editor is O-pama. O-pama takes good care of me -- because I demand it! Mirah ha ha ha!





DR.
JOSEPH
ANE-
KAWA'S
DIAG-
NOSIS:
LOVE...!

IM IN
THE
MIDDLE
OF A
VERY
IMPORTANT
TEST...



WHY
DOESN'T
HE CALL?
DON'T
I MATTER
TO SO-KUN?
DOES
HE HATE
ME...?

33-
34.

SPIN



IT'S BEEN
TWO WEEKS
SINCE MY
BOYFRIEND
DIED.
FEARED,
AND AM
FALLING
APART.

2THR



IM
SORRY
BUT
DONT
TALK
TO
ME?

EVERY TIME
ANYONE
IS MORTAL
IT'S NOT
APPLICABLE.
I SCORE ONE
POINT AND
EACH THAT
GETS READ
POINTS...



NOW, DR.
JOSEPH,
DIAGNOSIS:
BY LOVE?

I
HAVE
THE
FINAL
TALK

30-38 POINTS

TYPE D

YOUR LOVE IS A DESERT!!

A WASTELAND WHERE
NOTHING EVER GROWS.

Dr. Joseph Karkanas



An address, reading street history, Shiga-Kyoko is a memorable and exciting scene for Japanese students, especially on their 1st trip, during their educational career (in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades).



AND GETS
EXCITED
ABOUT
HOPES
AND
DREAMS

HAVING A
 FADING
 LINE IT,
 WHY
 CAN'T WE
 GO TO
 A LARGER

YOU
SOUND
LIKE A
BUNCH OF
JACKED
UP
LAME-O'S



ALL RIGHT,
LET'S
BRING
UP INTO
GROUPS
FOR
REMARKS
AND



WILLIAMSON, WILLIAM
IN PHOTO
AND MAPS
INFORMATION
SECTION

2000

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The above
 information
 has been
 provided
 for your
 review.



WHAT'S
WRONG
WITH YOU
FOUR
PEOPLE.
HURRY
LET'S
HAVE SOME
EXCITEMENT
WHEN'S YOUR
FOOTBALL
IN JERSEY.



IF YOU WANT
TO COMPLAIN
TALK TO
YOUR
PARENTS.
THEY'RE
THE ONE'S
RUNNING
THE
SCHOOL.

IT'S NOT
AT ALL THAT
THEY
WON'T
PAY TO
SEND
YOU TO
HUNGARY!



YOU'LL BE BACK BY SHUSAKU PRONG, WON'T YOU...?

SO-KUN WHERE ARE YOU RIGHT NOW?



So-kun (97)...
when he was still around.



**YOU
DID?!
SO-
KUN?!
WELL
...?!**



THAT
WOULDN'T BE
HIDEAWAYS
INTO NOW
NOISE! NOT
DEAD YET

what a
silly
thing to
say -

HEARD
FROM
FOR THE
OTHER
DAY

HEY

EVEN IF
HE CAN'T
COME,
HE'LL BE
WITH OUR
GROUP IN
SPIRIT.

WELL, YOU
WANT ME
TO GO
SOMEWHERE
ELSE?

BEHOLD,
WE'LL
INCLUDE
SOMEONE
IN OUR GROUP
FOR THE
TIME
BEING.
OKAY?



**HE
SAID
HE'S
DROPPING
OUT OF
SCHOOL.**



DROP-
PING
OUT
...?



Everyday Scenery #2

I was looking
at a mail order
catalog and
under the "Erotic
Costume Series,"
right next to the
"Sailor Dresser"
there was
something called
a "Pink Koppo"--
a water demon,
or a river imp.

Pink Koppo!!



Now, what
we'll do for
the sake of
man's freedom...

I have
independent
thoughts for
the poor world
where men
will survive



IF HE
WANTED
TO TALK
ABOUT
IT, HE
WOULDN'T
CALLED.

I MEAN,
I DON'T
WANT
TO PRES-
SURE HIM.



RIGHT--
TOTAL
BLUE
RIBBON
OSCAR-
WINNING
PERFORM-
ANCE!

IS SHE
EVEN
HUMAN?

WEN

IT IS
FINE! I
AM FINE!
EVERY-
THING'S
OKAY!

WEN

WEN



Moons!
Is being
naïve.

I'VE
BEEN
ON THIS
RIDE WITH
BOHUN
FOR WAY
TOO LONG...

HE'S
LA
FRANCE
TO
ME AT
THIS
POINT

AND
WHAT
YOU
MEAN
BY THAT
WELL?

WEN

Okay, pay attention: the word for "Western" (and "man") is actually the same as "france." Instead of saying "He's no use to me," she said "La France" which is a variety of Western man. Her joke and the response are both style references to the long-running Japanese TV comedy show "Shonan."



NO
USE!



WITHOUT
NOTICING SO,
A HINT ON
WITH HER
SOLO
COMEDY ACT
FOR A FULL
15 MINUTES...

SMACK

ZOOM

ONE THAT
WAS A
GOOD ONE!
BRING
OVER
THE
EXHIBITION
CUSHIONS!

Terror of Dorian always reveals a comedian's good side by going off on a solo act that is



TRANS-
PERSONS











FLOOF

I JUST
POUNDED
SOME-
THING
OUT...



HE PULLS
EVERY
SPROUT OF
HOPE, SO
NOTHING
CAN EVER
GROW!

IT'S
NO-ONE'S
FAULT
THAT MY
LONG LIFE
IS A
ONE-WAY

YOUR

NOT
AT
ALL
!!



AND
CIVIL
PEACE
HEAT?

TODAY
TEMPLE
MAYBE
TEMPLE
MAYBE
TEMPLE

UN TOO BUSY
THINKING
ABOUT
SOME
TODAY
AND
MAYBE
FOR
SUNDAY
MAYBE
MAYBE

HE
SHOULD
GO TO
WINTER
SCHOOL
HE
WANTS











SCHOOL UNIFORM
IT HADN'T MORE
VIBRANT

Twenty-USE 8400



SCHOOL BUILDING
RECEIVED AN AWARD
FOR ITS MODERNIST
DESIGN (ACCORDING
TO THE PRINCIPAL)



DON'T BE A
FOOL! THIS IS
NO TIME FOR
THINKING ABOUT
HOW GOOD WE
LOOK IN AN
UNFAMILIAR
SCHOOL
UNIFORM.
FOCUS!



THIS IS BAD
THIS IS NOT
THE KIND
OF PLACE
WHERE I
CAN SHOW
UP ALL
SWEATY
AND BETTER
SO HOPE!

OH!

I
THOUGHT
THE
JAPANESE
ARISTO-
CRACY
WAS
ABOL-
ISHED...

IS
THIS
THE
SAME
PLANET
?!





I HEARD
THAT
SOUND

DAT

I SAID
HELLO



DAT

I HEARD
THAT
VOICE

HELLO



WHAT
ARE
YOU
DOING
HERE?



I
HAVEN'T
SEEN
YOU
FOR
AGES!



...SAKU-
RAKO!

she may be
going, but
she's not
leaving



IF YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT SO-KUN, DON'T. HE'S ALREADY FITTING IN NICELY.

YEAH...

SHE HAS TO CHOOSE A NICE HOTEL LOUNGE JUST FOR A CUP OF TEA?



THE LAST TIME I SAW YOU WAS AT MY SUMMER HOUSE IN ILL. RIGHT?



SARUTAKU-SAN... SO-KUN TRANSFERRED TO THE SAME SCHOOL AS YOU BECAUSE—

—YES.



GRIN

HE ADDED THAT, IF SHE DID, MY FAMILY'S ANNUAL RENT WITH HER WOULD REMAIN THE SAME, AND MR. KOFUONE WOULD CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THE PUNISHMENT HE NEEDS.

I ASKED MRS. KOFUONE TO SET IT UP





BUT

YOUR BODY
IS BEING
POSSESSED
BY THE SPIRIT
OF YUKICHI
FURUSAWA—
THE MAN
WHOSE
FACE IS
ON THE
VODOO
PILL...

(1888-1991)

OH...
I GET
IT.





NO,
YOU
CAN'T.



YES...
I
CAN.



RORR!!

I DIDN'T
THINK
SHE'D
JUST
LEAVE
SO MANY
TO POKA,
BUT...

WHAT
SHOULD
I DO?
I CAN'T
BELIEVE
I GOT
BURNED
BY THAT
MONEY-
GRABBING
BITCH!



WHOA
SHE
DID
THAT?



HE
PROBABLY
JUST
DIDN'T
WANT
YOU TO
WORRY.

I JUST
WISH
SOMEBODY
HAD
EXPLAINED
IN THE
FIRST PLACE
THAT HE WAS
TRANSFERRING
TO NEW
SCHOOL...

*He doesn't
see me
anymore!*



BUT

AT LEAST
YOU
DON'T
TELL HIM
ANYTHING
OTHER,
DO YOU?



THE
CONVER-
SATION
IS
TURNING
TO THE
WILD
KINGDOM
AGAIN...

UNLESS
PLAYERS
OPEN UP
THEIR
HEARTS
FIRST,
ANIMALS
WILL
NEVER
LEARN.



I DON'T
REALLY
WANT
TO
DEFEND
THAT
POSITION,
BUT...

IF YOU
TOLD HIM
HONESTLY
THAT YOU
DIDN'T WANT
HIM TO
TRANSFER,
I BET IT
WOULDN'T
BEEN
DIFFERENT.

*He might
not have
gone.*

FINE!

MAYBE HE
CAN STILL
TRANSFER
BACK
HERE, WHY
DON'T
YOU ASK
HIM?

OHAY,
IT'S
TRUE!
I WAS
STUB-
BORN.

...BUT I
HATE
TO
HAVE TO
ADMIT
TO IT.

I DON'T
SO-WAY
TO
KNOW
I'M
LONELY
WITHOUT
HIM.

FLUTTER

I'LL
TRY MY
BEST
THIS
TIME...

LOCKED
AND
LOADED
!!

AI
MAE-
KAWA

...



WELL



GO!! NOW!!

NO!

OWON,
IT'LL
JUST
TAKE A
MINUTE

I'M SORRY,
BUT WE'RE
IN A HURRY.
INSTEAD,
HOW ABOUT
YOU MAKE
DEMANDS
WHILE ON MY
TERRITORY?

I CAME
ALL THIS
WAY.
CAN'T I
HAVE A
MOMENT

SORRY,
SO RUSH
AND
I WERE
JUST
HEADING
TO MY
HOUSE...

BACK
SO SOON





I JUST
NEED TO
HAVE A
THICK
SKIN AND
NOT BE
EMOTIONAL-
RASHIDON

I WANT
TO BE
A COOL
GUY

AND
I WANT
THE
GIRL WHO
ASKS
FOR WHAT
SHE
WANTS IS
A WOMAN
BEING
HEARD ONLY
HAPPY
NEEDS





I
KNEW
IT.

SO KUN
DIDN'T
WANT
TO
TRANSFER
—





**NOT
AT
ALL.**





OH
FINE.



YOU'RE
Lying.



SORRY,
BUT
I'M NOT
GONNA
PLAY
CUTE.

YOU
ASKED
ME
THAT
BEFORE.



...I'M
SORRY
FOR
MAKING
YOU FEEL
LIKE YOU
HAVE TO
LIE.

**I'M
AN
IDIOT**

...



...A
VERY
LUCKY
IDIOT.



SHUUTY
YOUR
SCHOOL'S
GOING TO
KIDTO FOR
SHUUTY
KIDTO
TOOT!

SHUUTY
YOUR
SCHOOL'S
GOING TO
KIDTO FOR
SHUUTY
KIDTO
TOOT!





doubt!!





Chapter 21

To research this chapter, we went on a forced march through Kyoto!¹⁷ Let me tell you, we got up at five in the morning and ran around until it got too dark to take pictures. The place we stayed was only ¥5000 a night! It was fun, though. I'm pretty outtherey for a manga artist...



CHATTER

THE
TOUR
GUIDE
HAS
PLANE
BOOBS!

CHATTER

I'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET INTO A ROMANTIC MOOD, BUT IT'S HARD WHEN YOU'RE SURROUNDED BY 300 OTHER STUDENTS AND ALL YOUR TEACHERS.

YOU MORON, SHE'S JUST FAT AND TITS ARE SUPPOSED TO LOOK MORE LIKE THIS.

FLAP
FLAP
FLAP

FLAP
FLAP
FLAP



YEP... HIS SCHOOL'S HERE ON DRUGGABO ROAD, TOO.

YOU'RE GOING TO SEE SO-GUIN, AREN'T YOU?

I'M GOING TO SWERVE AWAY DURING THE FREE-ACTIVITY HOUR TOMORROW. WILL YOU COVER FOR ME?

HWY?

YUNA



HWY





I KNOW

IM NOT GOING TO DO ANYTHING BRAGGY OR JUST GOING TO SEE HOW

LARRY IS DOING I MEAN DOING...

HEY, CUT IT OUT!

DO YOU WANT TO BEAT? LET'S SPEND A NEW-QUIET MOMENT TOGETHER.

MY FEET ARE GETTING TIRED FROM ALL THIS WALKING.



TOGETHER ALONE FAR FROM HOME... THEY FIND THEMSELVES ACCURSED... AND A TOURIST DESTINATION IS FULL OF HOTEL ROOMS...







AI
SHOULD
BE IN KYOTO
BY NOW



5:45
PM



LISTEN,
SARU-
RANO!

NOW, DID
YOU KNOW
THAT THIS
PLACE
IS THE
HEAD-
QUARTERS
FOR ALL
THE YAKA
SHINES
IN JAPAN!

IT'S
BUY A
TALISMAN
HERE, A
CUTE
LITTLE
FOR NUN
WIGHT
PROTECT
ME!

LOOK,
SARU-
RANO,
YOU
AND I ARE—



GO
RUN!



YOU'D
BETTER
FOCUS
ON
SHUGAKU
RYONG.





NO ONE ELSE
NEEDS TO
KNOW IT, BUT...
I DON'T LIKE
TAKING OFF
MY CLOTHES
IN FRONT OF
EVERYONE ELSE.



WOW,
THAT
GIRL IS
AWESOME

Peeking Into



LOOK AT
THAT
GIRL IS
PERFECT
LOOK...

SQUIRM



THE
SCARIEST
PART IS
THAT I'VE
NEVER
EVEN
SEEN IT
MYSELF...

SUP



SMACK

HEY,
DON'T
DANDEL

I DON'T
BLAME
THAT
OTHERS
MIGHT BE
LOOKING
AT ME
THE WAY
I LOOK AT
THEM!

IT!



WHAT
IF IT'S
DIFFER-
ENT
FROM
OTHER
GIRLS'
...?

THE
MYSTERY
ZONE
BELOW
MY
BELT!



NO
GOOD
!!



WELL,
LOOKING
BETTER...

BUT
WHEN
YOU DO
IT, THE
BOY YOU
LOVE
SEES IT,
RIGHT?



WOW



I DON'T
EVEN
KNOW
HOW IT'S
SUPPOSED
TO
LOOK!!

I THINK IT'S
SUPPOSED
TO BE
PINK, AND IF
YOU POOL
AROUND
TOO MUCH
IT TURNS
BLACK, OR IT
GETS FLUORE-
SCENT OIL

That's
dumb
huh?





Everyday Scenery #3

I just realized
that the
clothes that
I find cute
don't look
cute on me...

No
Gals





I CAN'T
TELL HIM
THAT I'M
SECRETLY
SCARED
TO SEE
HIM
ALONE

HA



ALL I
THOUGHT
YOU
WERE
COMING
ALONE?

I
THOUGHT
YOU WASH
WASH THEM,
TOO.
AH HA
HA HA...



IS
HE
UPSET?

I HAVE
A SUR-
PRISE,
TOO...







HOW FAR
DOES SHE
INTEND TO
PUSH THIS
CUTESY-
CUTESY
NONSENSE
?!



SALVADO
SAYS
DON'T
YOU THINK
YOU'RE
ACTING
PATHETIC
?



HUH?

AND RIGHT
UNDER
MY NOSE...!
I WILL
NOT BE
CONDE-
SCENDED
TO!



Oh
boy

IT'S
ABOUT
TIME YOU
GAVE UP
FOLLOW-
ING US
AROUND.

YOU MUST
KNOW
THAT
SO-HUN
ISN'T
GONNA
TO PICK
YOU







HEY,
YOU'RE
PURSUING
YOUR
DREAM
AGAIN!



SHE
LAUNCHED
A BRAVE
ATTACK,
BUT...
AI MET
HER
MATCH!!



...UNLESS
I TAKE
DESPERATE
MEASURES,
I'LL LOSE
SO-KUN.

THAT'S
WHY I'M
TRYING
SO
HARD.

BUT



YOU ARE!
YOU'RE NOT
AN ASCE-TIC
MONK, GRAY!
WILL YOU TRY
AND SMILE,
PLEASE!!

WHAT?
I'M
NOT!!

"ASCE-
TIC
MONK"

IF
THAT'S
DISGUST-
ING,
THEN

...



IF I'M
WALKING
TOO
FAST,
TELL ME
I'LL SLOW
DOWN
FOR
YOU.

WHAT?

SAY
IT.



**S
N
A
P**

I WAS
JUST
THINKING
HOW
CUTE
THEIR
LITTLE
RELATION-
SHIP IS.



Oh?



I'M
NOT

ARE
YOU
JEALOUS
OR
WHAT,
SANTOYO
SANTO?





THAT
CONDE-
SCENDING
LITTLE--! I DO NOT
WANT HER
TO CALL
ME CUTE!!





TOMORROW
BOTH
SCHOOLS
ARE VISITING
THE SAME
PLACE. WHY
DON'T YOU
JUST ASK
HIM THEN?

BE THE
HUNTER!!
AND
THE EYE
OF THE
HUNTRESS!!
...JEE!



WHERE'S SO MANY
WHEN THEY'RE
CLUNGED UP IN
A HURD, THEY'LL
LOOK ALIKE.

Following
them was a group
of people?



WHAT?
WITH
SALLY
HURRY?
ME?



FORGET
IT! JUST
GET
OVER
HERE
BEFORE
SOMEONE
SPOTS US!

ARE
YOU
HURRY
IN A
HURRY?

ARE
YOU
HURRY
IN A
HURRY?

THERE!
SO-
ON!
?





WHAT
?!



WELL, I WASN'T
THINKING, I MEAN,
PURELY... WHAT AN
AMAZING,
HORROR-
FUL, CRYING
BILL.

HOW
CAN YOU
BE SO
CAPABLE?

WITH
SHOUTING? I CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT! WHAT
WERE YOU
THINKING?



GOA

NOT ONLY IS THIS
AN UNPLEASANT
REMINDER OF SO-HUN'S
COLORFUL HISTORY
WITH WOMEN, BUT...

...SAILOR-MOON SHE
SEEMED LIKE A
LATE-BLOOMER,
BUT SHE'S ALREADY...

LOOK





OFF TO A HOTEL!!



Love hotels rent out rooms by the night but also offer them for "rest" — shorter stays (usually about 1.5-2 hours) — during the service hours.





"AT HOTEL GANDHARA IN KYOTO."

"I'D BE
GUESSING."

"I GUESS
THIS IS
THE BEST
WE CAN
DO SINCE
WE DON'T
KNOW THE
AREA."



PAT

"I WOULD
GO HOME."

"I WONDER
IF THEY'LL
GIVE US A
STUDENT
DISCOUNT.
I FEEL
WE ARE IN
LONDON."



"WHAT?
WANT
A
SIC?"

"SHALL
WE
GO IN?"



"WHERE WAS
YOUR FIRST
TIME, A-SAN?"
"AT GANDHARA."

"IN INDIA?"
"PRETTY SPICY."

"AH,
WOULDN'T
BE
ABLE TO
BRAG
ABOUT
THIS."

"You, 18 years
from now."

HEH
HEH



NO, I
CAN'T
!!

WENT
P

WE'LL
HAVE
STUDENT
AFFID-
PILATE
SEX

NO

GRACE
WHAT
P

OH, DON'T
WORRY.
NO SEX
PARTS ARE
TOTALLY
NORMAL.
I WON'T ASK
YOU TO DO
ANYTHING
GRACE!!

DASH



ONLY, LET'S
GET BACK
BEFORE
THE
TEACHERS
FIND
OUT WE
WANDERED
AWAY.



WENT
P



THAT'S
NOT
IT.



DON'T
PUSH
YOURSELF
BEFORE
YOU'RE
READY



YOU
DON'T
WANT
TO DO
SO IF
YOU'RE
SCARED.

IT'S
NOT
LIKE
THAT.

IN FACT,
IT MIGHT
BE A
RELIEF
TO GET
IT OVER
WITH.

IT'S
NOT
THAT
I DON'T
WANT TO.
I'M NOT
AFRAID
TO IT.

YOU HAVE
EVERY-
THING. GIRLS
FLOCK TO
YOU. YOU
CAN DECIDE
WHETHER TO
TRANSFER
OR NOT
ON YOUR
OWN...

BUT HELP
I DON'T
HAVE
ANYTHING.
THAT'S WHY...
THAT'S WHY
I ALWAYS
TRY SO
HARD...

BUT

IT'S JUST...
SO-KUN,
YOU
DON'T
NEED
ANY-
ONE.



...IT'S
WEAR-
ING
ME
OUT.



I WANT TO
DO IT IF
THAT'S
WHAT IT
TAKES
TO KEEP
YOU, BUT
THINGS
ARE
THAT...

THINGS
ARE
FEEL
NO
CHEAP.



WELL

I COULD
FEEL
THE
WEIGHT
ON MY
SHOULD-
ERS...

FLOAT
AWAY.

HE WAS
POUNDING
IN THE
GOLF

OH
SORRY

...THAT WAS
CLOSE. THAT
OLD LADY
WAS ABOUT
TO CALL THE
POLICE WHEN
YOU STARTED
CROWDING IN
FRONT OF
THE HOTEL.

BUT

WE
DIDN'T
END UP
DOING
ANYTHING.

I'M
SO
HAPPY!

HEY, CHOW,
DO NOT
CRY WITH-
OUT IT! I
JUST DON'T
WANT TO
FORCE YOU,
THAT'S ALL!

Always
followed by
my hand!

IT'S
TOTALLY
OKAY NOT
TO DO
IT! WE
CAN GET
ALONG
PERFECTLY
FINE WITH-
OUT IT!

WE
CAN

HEY
HEY

BUT

NO WAY
HI-CHAN
AND
SOL!

HI-IL,
I WANT
DETAILS
LATER!

MAEKARA,
YOU TOOK
OFF UN-
CHAPERONED
IN THE
MIDST OF
SHUGARU
DRINK!

UNHAPPY
NESS
ALWAYS
FOLLOWS
UNHAPPY-
NESS.

NEXT UP,
SUGARU
WOND
THE
BATTLE
PART II!



doubt!!



Chapter 22





INCREASE,
A HOUSE
BUSH,
SOME
TRADI-
TIONAL
SWEETS.

OH, I
BETTER
BUY SOME
YATSUSHAKI
COOKIES...
I'LL EAT
SOME OF THE
HARDKIND
AND SOME
OF THE
SOFTKIND.

AND
AT THE
KIMBA
IS ON
TOP
OF THE
WORLD.

SHIRAKI
KIMBA
IS HALF
OVER.



WAIT
A
MIN!

AREN'T
YOU
DONE
YET?
ON
YOUR
WAY?

Chapter 22

We're still in Kyoto! I love drawing traditional Japanese architecture and that made this chapter especially fun for me. I did get nervous taking reference photos at the big public bath, though. There was no one there when I went, but I was afraid someone was going to show up and catch me looking like a pervert. .





THOUGH
LATER YOU'LL
WONDER
WHAT YOU
WERE THINKING.
THERE IS
SOMETHING
POSSIBLE
ABOUT CHERRY
BLOSSOMS,
SUCH AS THE
POWER OF
A GIFT SHOP.

THEY CALL
IT "JAPANESE"
IT'S VERY
FRENCH.

WHAT'RE
YOU
DOING? NO ONE
PERSON
WOULD
WEAR
THAT!

That's
not even
English
English
Japanese
French
German

Don't
do it





"Yakuzi" - Japanese slang for "drug" or "delinquent."









Oh...

I WENT TO
A LOW
HOTEL
WITH
SO-CHUN
THAT DAY...

WELL...
YOU DID
DISAPPEAR
DURING THE
TEMPLE
VISIT THE
OTHER DAY.
REMEMBER?

WHAAT??

— YOU'RE
A TOTAL
SLUT.

SOME-
ONE SAW
YOU AND
SO-CHUN
GOING
TO THE
HOTEL.

AND THE
PERSON
MOST
LIKELY TO
SPREAD
AN EVIL
RUMOR
ABOUT
YOU IS...

I
CAN'T
WIN...

DIDN'T
DO
ANY-
THING...

GO
TO
H

IT
WASN'T
LIKE
THAT!
WE
DIDN'T
DO ANY-
THING!!

N
O
O
O
O
!!

THAT
MEANS...



THE
HOTEL
HERE
IS
STAYING



OH, YOU'RE
SO PURE!!
I MET
SAKURAKO
IS RIGHT
THERE
NEXT TO
YOU TELL
HER!!

AA
AA
AA

IF PEOPLE
ARE
TALKING
ABOUT IT
ANYWAY,
IT'S TOO
BAD WE
DON'T GO
THROUGH
WITH IT.

REALLY?



...AND
THAT HER
HAIR
LOOKS
LIKE A
MUSHROOM!
A MUSH-
ROOM-
GOT THAT

THAT
IF SHE
WANTS A
PONY, IT'S
ON TELL
HER SHE'S
STUPID
AND MEAN.





I SPREAD
NO SUCH
RUMOR,
I'LL
HAVE
YOU
KNOW!

IF I'D SEEN
YOU TWO
GOING TO
A HOTEL, I
WOULDN'T
STOPPED
YOU RIGHT
THERE AND
THERE!

AH...
...OH
...OH



SNATCH



...OH



DO YOU
THINK
I'M THAT
EVIL? IS
THAT
WHAT
YOU
THINK?

"SORRY"
DOESN'T
CUT
IT!!

THEN...
IF
THAT'S
TRUE...



OH,
SORRY



I THINK OUR
TRIP HOME-
DUE IN OVER-
LAP AGAIN
TOMORROW.
I GUESS
I SHOULD
TALK TO
HER.

AM
IN
TROU-
BLE...



WELL,
RELATIVELY
SPEAKING,
I DO THINK
YOU'RE
INCREDIBLY
EVIL...



(1) DOESN'T KNOW THAT SO
TRANSFERRED...

(2) DOESN'T REALIZE THAT
IT'S SO IN THE G UNIVERSITY
PIMP UNIFORM...

(3) THINKS THAT, EVEN THOUGH
SHE'S DATING SO, AI IS
GOING TO A HOTEL WITH
SOME OTHER GUY...

(4) ...AND THEREFORE
BELIEVES THAT
AI IS A BUILT!

WAS
THIS
PSTER-
OUS
PERSON
...



...CAUSE
SO'S
NAME IS
NEVER
MEN-
TIONED

WHY'S
NOT
SAKURA
THEN
SOME-
ONE AT
OUR
SCHOOL?

Everyday Scenery #4

When the people
at my old beauty
salon learned
that I was a
manga artist
(an acquaintance
told them), one
guy who worked
there asked in a
very serious tone:



I
went
back.

Can't believe
he said that...
'Naughty
manga'? How
could a big
young guy say
something
like that...?

...THIS
IS THE
WORST

...

NO
WAY

...



SHE'S
RIGHT,
BUT

BATHS

WOMEN



IF I CAN
JUST
GET UN-
DRESSED
WITHOUT
SHOW-
ING MY
UNDER-
WEAR...

That
shit
won't
help
me any
more!



LET HIM
GET A
GOOD
LONG
LOOK
...



LET
ME
SEE
...

THIS IS
BAD!
I HAVE TO
GET THIS
STRAIGHT
ENED OUT
SOME-
HOW...



THAT
WAS SO
HOT, NO
WONDER
GUYS
WOULDN'T
LEAVE
HER
ALONE!

FIRST
SHE
PRACTICED
THOSE
POSES
WITH
LOTS OF
PINK...

NO!
NO!
NO!!



HEHE

...AI
MAEKAWA
ACCIDENT-
ALLY
PER-
FORMED
A STRIP-
TEASE!!

WHO OOA

AND
SO
...



BUMP

OOOPS,
SORRY.



NOW
THEY
REALLY
THINK
-I'M A
SLUT-



LOOM



Q:U:I

UHL, SHAME-
SAY, IT
WAS AN
ACCIDENT.



Q:U:I
Q:U:I

I BET
THEY'RE ALL
IN THE SLUT
ROOMS... WHAT
ABOUT YOU,
MAEKAWA-
SAY?

HEY,
WHERE
DID EVERY-
BODY GO?



OH, I'M
SORRY
ABOUT
THE WAY
HE
TAKES UP
TOO MUCH
ROOM,
HUNT?

WHACK



SCOW,
WAS THAT
ALICE?
IT'S JUST
THAT I'M
SO OPEN-
MINDED.

CUT
IT
OUT!



HOW
COULD YOU
AREN'T
WORRIED
ABOUT
BEING
CALLED A
SLUT, ARE
YOU?

W
H
A
P

YOU'RE
LUCKY, YOU
KNOW.
YOU'RE SO
PRETTY, NO
ONE EVEN
CARES
THAT
YOU'RE
A SLUT.

WELL OH,
SURE, I'D
LOVE TO SEE
ALL THE
GIRLS
GET
SUCKED
OUT OF
THE
ROOM IF I
SHOWED UP.

YOU'RE
NOT
WITH
ALL THE
GUYS,
AREN'T
YOU?

I
JUST
WISH I
COULD

I KNOW
YOU'RE
PRETTY
BUT I'VE
LOST
SOME
WEIGHT

AT THE
END OF
THE DAY,
SURE ONLY
GIRLS
CARE IF
YOU'RE
PRETTY...

HA
HA
HA

WAIT





SO-KUN,
I WISH
YOU WERE
HERE...
I WISH I
COULD
TALK TO
YOU RIGHT
NOW.

HEY--

WHAT
AM I
SUP-
POSED
TO
SAY TO
THAT...?



WE'RE GOING
TO
MAKE A
GLUCK
RUN TO
THE
STORE...

SO-KUN
--

WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
HANGING
OUT
HERE?

There's
a
bug...



WHAAAT?
PAPA-HU!
NO, NOT
AT ALL!
GO ASK
THE GUYS
IN MY
ROOM!

The wife
is gone!

...DO I
LOOK
LIKE A
SLUT?

WELL
--



WELL,
PROBABLY.



OH WELL,
OR SURE A
COMFORT-
ING WORD
OR TWO
WOULD
CHEER
ME UP!

THIS IS
RIDICULOUS.
WHY
AM I SO
UPSET?!

HE
HE



...MAYBE
I WAS
GETTING
A LITTLE
OVER-
CONFIDENT

...FOR
GETTING
THAT ON
THE SAME
PERSON
WHO BOYS
USED TO
IGNORE...



TELL
HER
WHAT?

YU-
CHAI,
WHY
DIDN'T
YOU
TELL
HER?



OR
GOING
BACK

CAN'T HE
SAY A
COMFORT-
ING
WORD
OR
TWO?!



YOU
KNOW,
AS A I WAS
REALLY
HURT.



SHUT
UP...

AND THAT
WAS WHY
YOU WANTED
TO GET OUT
AND GO TO
THE STORE!
BUT DIDN'T
YOU TELL
HER THAT?

...THAT YOU
BEAT UP THE
GUYS WHO
CALLED HER
A SLUT, AND
THAT'S WHY
SHE COULD
HANG OUT
WITH THEM
WITHOUT
WORRYING...!



YOU'RE
A FOOL...
YOU'LL
NEVER
WIN...

SHE'S NOT
GOING TO
FIGURE IT
OUT, YOU
KNOW. SHE'S
DESPERATELY
IN LOVE WITH
SO-CHAN...



C'm
on!!



...SO
WHAT
?



YU-GI-MAH,
WILL YOU
PLEASE
TRY TO
REMEMBER
THAT I
LOVE
YOU.?



A
PRIN-
CESS
...?



AND
PRINCESS
COSTUMES,
ESPECIALLY?
HOWEVER—

GIRLS
LOVE
COS-
TUMES
—

This photo
will be
shown on
your radio

“TAKING ONE
OF THE
GIRLS TO
SOUTHERN
TO DRESS
UP LIKE A
“PRINCESS.”
WHEN IT
GOES
TO AIR?

WE’LL
TAKE OUR
GROUP
PHOTO
TOMOR-
ROW AT
THE SAINT
JACQUES
VILLAGE.

YOUR
ATTEN-
TION,
PLEASE.
?



HELLO,
IS
EVERY-
ONE
HERE?

605



THEY ALL WANT TO DO IT, BUT THEY'RE AFRAID TO APPEAR UNPROFICIENT.

OH HORROR!

It's the feeling what you're looking for.



WHO'S IT GOING TO BE?

WELL...

WELL...

WELL...

WELL...



DARLING?

...WHAT IF YOU DON'T LOOK GOOD? WHAT IF YOU LOOK LIKE AN ENKA* SINGER IN SOME HORRIBLE DINNER THEATER SHOW?!

*Enka is a modernized genre of Japanese pop music, composed with traditional instruments. It's a popular style in Japan.



WHAT
ABOUT
ME...?



YOU
DO
IT, A-
CHAN

A-
CHAN
!!

B
L
A
Z
E

ARE YOU
COMPLETELY
CLUELESS?
NO
WOMEN
EVERYONE
HATES
YOU!

BUT
-
I
don't
know

THIS IS
A JOB
FOR A
REALLY
PRETTY
GIRL. I DO
WE ALL
AGREE!!

SHE
WOULDN'T
LOOK LIKE
AN IDOL
SINGER...
SHE'D
LOOK LIKE
A JUNK
WRESTLER!

TO
SHE
WON'T
BE
A
GIRL
ANYMORE

GIRLS ARE
GONE EARLY
IF THEY'RE
GOING TO
LOVE. THEY'D
RATHER LOVE
TO A PRETTY
GIRL THAN A
HOMELY ONE.

A
WOMAN

UH

WHAT
?



OH H H H !!

PERIOD DRESS
HOUSE OF POLITICS

A legendary infamously Japanese beauty



WHAT? CAN'T YOU
THINK OF ANY OTHER
COMPLIMENT,
YOU OLD FART?

INEKAWA,
YOU LOOK
LIKE THE
WIFE OF
HOSOKAWA
(GARY-
BART)...

SOMEONE'S
ABSOLUTELY
BORING!

PUSS

PUSS



AHH !!
○○



THANKS... BUT THIS OUTFIT IS INCREDIBLY HEAVY, I CAN BARELY MOVE.

SHALL I CARRY YOUR BAG, MARIKAWA SAN?



YOU LOOK LIKE A FRESH-CLASH, M-CHAN

SHE'S WEARING A FRESH-CLASH COSTUME DESPITE

SHES 200%.



DONT START THAT TALK AGAIN.



ER, WELL, SHIMAZU SAN, UH...

OH DEAR



WHACK

DONT WORRY ABOUT IT! A FAT GIRL MAKES A BETTER MAD ANYWAYS



SOMEHOW
I DON'T
THINK THAT
QUALIFIES
AS
"HUMILITY"...

FINGERS
CROSSED

WOULDN'T IT
BE NICE
IF SO-KUN
SEES
ME LIKE
THIS?



WAIT
JUST A
MINUTE!!
DON'T GET
CARRIED
AWAY...
NONE OF
THAT IS
TRUE!

IT'S
COMPLETE
FOLLY!

GO! YOU
SUCK!

IT'S
S-4-0
B-4-0-D

AND
NOW
SHE'S
PREG-
NANT!

...THE
RUMORS
ABOUT
HER
WERE
TRUE...

LET
ME
GO!

...SHE
COULDN'T GO
THROUGH
WITH IT! SHE
RESOLVED
TO CARE
FOR THE
BABY ON
HER OWN...

HER
PARENTS
FOUND
OUT, AND
DESTROYED
HER FAMILY!
SHE CON-
SIDERED
ABORTION,
BUT...

LIAR!

THAT
ISN'T
EVEN
MY
OWN!

THE
NEVER
END
TO
THIS
SHAME!

PLEASE
SHUT
UP

LISTEN
TO HER,
YOU
MORONS!!
A-CHAN
ISN'T A
SLUT!



IT'S
WFOG-
SABLE
TO
MISS?

THAT SHINE
IS ON THE
WAY TO THE
LOVE HOTEL
WHERE
MADUKA-
SAN WENT
WITH SOME
GUY THE
OTHER DAY.



WAIT
A
SECOND.

WAIT
—



SHYUJI-
SAN,
WERE
YOU
FOLLOW-
ING ME?

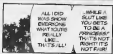
HOW
WOULD
YOU
KNOW
THAT?



ARE YOU
THE ONE
WHO
STARTED
THAT
RUMOR?









SHUT
YOUR
MOUTH,
YOU
HIDEOUS
GIT.







SHIMAZU-SAN,
YOU HAD A
CRUSH ON
ME, BUT
YOU DIDN'T
RECOGNIZE
ME IN
ANOTHER
SCHOOL
UNIFORM. "

"My beauty
hasn't
gone, has it?"

SHIMAZU

AND, BY
THE WAY,
WHAT'S
YOUR
NAME?"

HERE'S
THE
THING



RUB
RUB

YEAH

LOVE



STUNNED

IF YOU
DO LOSE
WEIGHT,
YOU'LL
STILL BE
AN UGLY
GIRL.

DON'T
THINK
FOR A
SECOND
YOU
WON'T.

WAAH



WE'RE ABOUT TO TAKE OUR CLASS PHOTO.



HEY, TAKE A TIME FOR YOU TO LEAVE.

FORGET ABOUT IT. YOU DID WHAT YOU HAD TO DO.

I SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO MEAN.

SHUNSU-SAN APOLO-
GIZED.

FLASH!



I'LL SHOW YOU ♡

SO THE CLASS PHOTO WAS TAKEN, AND INCLUDED IN THE CLANK WERE ONE STUDENT FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL AND ONE VERY SHY PRINCESS.

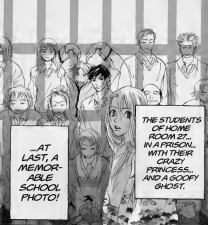


GET OFF ME OR I'LL TURN YOU INTO A SHORT ♡

Okay, Ya-
dude? ♡

IF THERE'S A PROBLEM, TELL THEM THAT I'LL A FRIENDLY SHOOT WHO PASSED BY.

ANY NOTY CHACK YOUR CLASS-RATE UNTIL A MONTH AGO.



...AT
LAST, A
MEMOR-
ABLE
SCHOOL
PHOTO!

THE STUDENTS
OF HOME
ROOM 27...
IN A PRISON...
WITH THEIR
CRAZY
PRINCESS...
AND A GOOFY
GHOST.



YOU CAN'T
FORGET.
THAT'S
WHAT TEAR-
BOOKS
ARE FOR.

AIEEE!!

PLEASE!
I WANT
TO
FORGET
THIS
WHOLE
TEST!

ENOUGH!
NO
MORE
SHUSAKU
RYOHO!



doubt!!

Chapter 23





Chapter 23

I have the idea that I need to use at some point, but it's been so long I think it may have died up completely. Maybe it's because I took some time off of "GOMST" to work on another one-shot manga, and when I came back I had a hard time getting the feel for the series again —



GACY'S
WORDS
REACHED
THROUGH
THE TV AND
SHOOKED
ALBY THE
THROAT...



THE
RESULTS
ARE
ALMOST
INSTANT
AND...
NOW IT'S
MIND-
BLOWINGLY
EASY!!

THE
ABDO-
MINAL
GX!!

SHARON,
HAVEN'T
YOU
HEARD IT?

BUT
GACY,
I CAN
NEVER
STICK
WITH ANY
FITNESS
ROUTINE
LONG
ENOUGH...



OH,
PLEASE

THIS IS
EXACTLY
WHAT
AMERICANS
ARE
CONSIDERING
BECAUSE...

JUST
STEAL THE
ABDOMINAL
BELT ON AND
YOU'LL GET
THE SAME
EFFECT AS
DOING 100
CRUNCHES!

WONDER-
FUL!
AND SO
STYLISH,
TOO!

WEAR
IT OVER
YOUR
CLOTHES!
DOESN'T
IT LOOK
COOL?

A
perfect
body--

I FLATTENED
MY TUMMY
AND NOW
MY BOY-
FRIEND IS
TOTALLY IN
LOVE WITH
ME! O
AND MY
MOM! I
HAVE A
PERFECT
BODY!

CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT!
NEITHER
COULD I,
BUT...

LOOK
AT
THESE
JEANS!



...A,
HAVE
YOU
PUT ON
WEIGHT?



ALAND
SO MET
FOR
LUNCH
THAT
SAME
DAY...



Gah!

I
DID
NOT!

IT'S
NOTHING
TO GET
STRESSED
OUT
ABOUT!



I MET
EVERYONE
GAINED
SOME
WEIGHT.

IT'S JUST
THAT PEOPLE
USUALLY GAIN
SOME WEIGHT
DURING THE
NEW YEARS
BREAK!
YUMMY FOOD
AND NOTHING
TO DO...



I MEAN, IT'S
NOT LIKE
YOU'RE FAT,
BUT I THINK
YOU PUT
ON SOME
WEIGHT
OVER THE
BREAK.

WHAT?
I





21%...!!
THREE
TIMES
SÔ-KUN'S
?!



JUST
OUTSIDE
OF THE
TUNNEL,
WHAT
GOOD
IS IT...



POOR
DICK

WASH
YOUR
FACE

IF YOU
LOST
IN THE
TUNNEL

IF YOU
LOST
IN THE
TUNNEL



IF YOU
LOST
IN THE
TUNNEL

WHAT
ABOUT
A
TUNNEL
THERE'S
NOTHING
LIKE A
SITUATION
WHERE
HAVING
MORE
FAT IS
A GOOD
THING.



CALL
ME
RIGHT
NOW!



YOU! YOU
WITH THE
FLABBY
BODY! ARE
YOU READY
TO MAKE A
CHANGE?



"Otochidoma," or New Year's money, is a Japanese tradition where parents and grandparents give children money in small, specially designated envelopes.





WE /
OH I
BOUGHT
SACS-



RIGHT...
WHAT
ABOUT
TOLL
AL-AD



WANT
TELL THEM
I FELL
FOR AN
MPCOMER

EXCEL-
LENT!
TALK
IT
UP!

IT'S
GETTING
A LOT OF
ATTENTION
LATELY.
LAST YEARS
PARDMAN
COLLECTION
REALLY
TURNED
HEADS...

RIGHT?
O
NICE
SAREY

Y-HEAL
UN-HEAL
"SACY"
IS A
BRAND
NAME

SACY /
IS THAT A
SAC? OR
CLOTHES?
IS THAT
A BRAND?







OVER
NEW
YEARS?



NO, I HAVE
GAINED
WEIGHT.
THAT'S
WHY...



GAINED
WEIGHT?



SORRY -
SHE
NEEDS
FOLLOWING
ME...

OH,
PLEASE, I
FOLLOWED
SO MANY
AND
ENDED UP
COMING
HERE.
THAT'S
ALL.

SALLY-
RANDO?!
WHAT
ARE
YOU
DOING
HERE?!

I WILL
NOT
TAKE
THE
BAIT
—!!

A close-up of a character with blonde hair, looking upwards with a determined expression. The character's eyes are visible, and their hair is styled in a short, layered cut. The background is dark and indistinct.

COMPARED
WITH HER,
LOOK
ATHER
PLUMP.
IT'S
ANNOT-
ING.

**BUT BAAAAA-
BAAA
DOESN'T
LOOK FAT!
SHE HAS A
NICE BODY!**

Don't
you
want?

**DOESN'T
SHE
GET
IT?
HE'S
FINE!
H**

GRR
GRR
GRR
GRR

**BUT BAAAAA-
BAAA
DOESN'T
LOOK FAT!
SHE HAS A
NICE BODY!**

Don't
you
want?

**DOESN'T
SHE
GET
IT?
HE'S
FINE!
H**

GRR
GRR
GRR
GRR



WHY
DON'T
WE GO
SWIM-
MING?

SHE'S EXPECTING ME TO SAY, "THAT'S NOT TRUE, SAKURAKO-SAN! YOU'RE SO SLIM," I'M SURE.

HA HA HA

SHE'S EXPECTING ME TO SAY, "THAT'S NOT TRUE, SAKURAKO-SAN! YOU'RE SO SLIM," I'M SURE.

HA HA HA

SHE'S EXPECTING ME TO SAY, "THAT'S NOT TRUE, SAKURAKO-SAN! YOU'RE SO SLIM," I'M SURE.

HA HA HA



TEAM SWIMMING IS SUPPOSED TO BE THE BEST FORM OF EXERCISE, AND THERE'S A POOL NOT FAR FROM HERE.



AGENT AND THEIR ASSOCIATED AGENTS

THESE
RESULTS ARE
SATISFACTORILY
REPRODUCIBLE
AND

100

**N-
NO!**



I TOLD
 YOU
 NOT TO
 MENTION
 THAT!!

YOU
MEAN,
LIKE
THE
SECOND-
FLOOR
ONE?

WHAT'S AN ABO- RHISAL TEST	WHY HAVE IT
<p>It's a blood test that checks for the presence of ABO and Rh blood antigens in your blood.</p> <p>ABO antigens are found on the surface of red blood cells. There are four types: A, B, AB, and O. Rh antigens are also found on the surface of red blood cells. There are two types: Rh positive and Rh negative.</p> <p>The ABO and Rh blood antigens are inherited from your parents. If you have A or B antigens, you have A or B blood. If you have Rh positive antigens, you have Rh positive blood. If you have Rh negative antigens, you have Rh negative blood.</p> <p>The ABO and Rh blood antigens can cause problems during pregnancy. If you have Rh negative blood and your baby has Rh positive blood, you may develop antibodies that attack your baby's red blood cells. This can lead to a condition called hemolytic disease of the newborn (HDN).</p> <p>HDN is a rare condition, but it can be serious. It can cause your baby to have anemia, jaundice, and other problems. In severe cases, it can even lead to death.</p> <p>The ABO and Rh blood antigens can also cause problems during a blood transfusion. If you receive a blood transfusion from someone with a different blood type, your body may develop antibodies that attack the transfused blood. This can lead to a condition called transfusion reaction.</p> <p>Transfusion reactions are rare, but they can be serious. They can cause fever, chills, and other problems. In severe cases, they can even lead to death.</p>	<p>The ABO and Rh blood antigens can cause problems during pregnancy and blood transfusions. The ABO and Rh blood antigens can also cause problems during a blood transfusion.</p> <p>The ABO and Rh blood antigens can cause problems during pregnancy and blood transfusions. The ABO and Rh blood antigens can also cause problems during a blood transfusion.</p>



LET'S DO
SOMETHING
BIGGER
SCIENTIFICALLY
EFFECTIVE

I DON'T WANT TO BE SEEN IN MY DRESSING SUIT BEFORE I LOSE SOME WEIGHT?



AREN'T
YOU
TWO
READY
YET?



KA
THANK
U

I
SHOULDN'T
HAVE
GONE!! I
DON'T
WANT
TO
STAND
NEXT
TO
HER.

**SAYURANO,
SHE'S
INSANELY
SLIM!!**

OOF!



IT'S
TIME
TO
GO.



YOU
CAN
SEE
HER
DRESS!
IT'S
NOT
FURNING.

SHE'S
TOO
SLIM, IT
LOOKS
UN-
HEALTHY.



AN'S FACE
SCREAMS
"KEEP
GOING,
MAMA!"

YOU'RE
GOING
TOO FAR!
O

MAMA,
SHE
CAN
HEAR
YOU.

IF I WERE
A MAN, I'D
WANT A
GIRL WITH
A LITTLE
MEAT ON
HER
BONES.

WHO
CARES?

Love
the 'O'
plummet



HEE
HEE

NO NO,
YOUR
DRESS,
MAMA!

HEAH,
AND AH-AH,
YOUR BODY
ALREADY
LOOKS
GREAT
THE WAY
IT IS!

HEE
HEE

During
a 100m
sprint.

RIGHT?
PLAYBOY
GIRLS ARE
MORE
DESIRABLE
WHEN
THEY'RE
A BIT
PLUMP.



ACK!

IF YOU TWO
HAVE SUCH
GREAT
BODIES,
WHY DON'T
YOU RUSH
UP AND
CHANGE
INTO YOUR
SUITS?



EEEE!



Everyday Scenery #5

My friend sent
me a gift from
England. It
was a postcard
featuring...



The face
of Queen
Elizabeth.
It was
just as...

English!!

36
74



BUT...

ALL
THAT
LOOKS
LIKE
SO
MUCH
P.L.L.



I
CAN'T
TAKE
IT!

You're
father!

...EVEN THOUGH
I KNOW IT
HAPPENED A
LONG TIME
AGO, I DON'T
WANT TO BE
COMPARED TO
A GUY SO KUN
HAD SEX WITH!



HEY,
CHECK
OUT
THOSE
GUYS...





I MEAN,
TODAY
SHE WAS
COMPLETELY
FIXATED ON
HER OWN
APPEARANCE...
SHE'S
GORGEOUS,
BUT...



MUR-
KAWA-
SHE'S
REALLY
VAIN,
ISN'T
SHE?



I CAN'T
HELP BUT
THINK
THAT'S
ALL
THERE IS
TO HER.



TELL
ME...
WHY?

HONESTLY,
I DON'T
UNDER-
STAND
WHY YOU
DATE HER.



THERE
ARE MORE
ATTRACTIVE
WOMEN
IN THE
WORLD,
SO WHY





C'MON
SO-KUN
TELL
HERN

HEHN
—



OF
COURSE
NOT
!!

IS
THAT
IT?



C'MON!!
THINK
OF
SOME-
THING
NICE
TO SAY
ABOUT
ME..!

SO
YOU'RE
DATING
MARIKKA-
SAN FOR
HER
LOOKS..



I MEAN, I'D
RATHER
DATE A
PRETTY GIRL
THAN AN
UGLY ONE..

I
DUNNO.



WHAT'S
THAT
SUPPOSED
TO
MEAN
?!

AM



...NOW THAT I
THINK ABOUT
IT, EVERY
MOMENT WHO'S
BEEN
INVOLVED WITH
SO-REN HAS BEEN
BEAUTIFUL—
INCLUDING
CHIN-CHI AND
KICKA-KICK



WHAT'S
THE MATTER? YOU
WANA GO TO
THE POOL AGAIN?

NOPE!



YOU
TOOK
OFF SO
SUDDENLY
YESTER-
DAY...

...WHAT
DO
YOU
WANT?

OH?
I'M SO
SORRY
PLEASE
FORGIVE
ME!



I'M SO
SORRY
YOU CAN
ONLY FIND
VIRTUE
IN MY
LOOKS!!



HEY,
SLOW
DOWN!
I THOUGHT
YOU WERE
WORRIED
ABOUT
YOUR
WEIGHT...

SCARE
SCARE







...NO,
IT
ISN'T.

THAT'S
JUST
THE
FANTASY
OF A
FAT
GIRL.



FACE
IT!

GIVEN THE
OPTION, EVEN
A PERFECT
GUY WOULD
RATHER DATE
A PRETTY GIRL
WITH A BEAUTIFUL
HEART THAN AN
UGLY GIRL WITH
A BEAUTIFUL
HEART.

That's the
fantasy
of a fat
girl?

THAT'S
NOT
TRUE!

YOU
ALREADY
KNOW
IT IS.

I CAN'T
BELIEVE
HE JUST
SAID
THAT.



...INSTEAD
OF STAYING
AS PLAIN
AS YOU
WERE IN
JUNIOR
HIGH?

THAT'S
WHY YOU
WANTED
TO BE
PRETTY,
ISN'T IT?

THANK

ANY-
WAY...
I'M
GOING
TO THE
POOL.

IF YOU DON'T
TAKE ANY
PRIDE IN
YOURSELF
AS A WOMAN,
YOU'RE JUST
NOT GONNA
TURN ANY
HEADS. PLAIN
AND SIMPLE.

ANYWAY, IT'S
MORE THAN
JUST LOOKS.
I PREFER A
WOMAN WHO
MAKES AN
EFFORT OVER
A WOMAN WHO
DOESN'T CARE
ANYMORE.

*Art by
Shinji Araki
Story by
Masahiro*





YOU'RE WONDERFUL JUST THE WAY YOU ARE... AND I WOULD STILL LOVE YOU EVEN IF YOU GAINED A METRIC TON.



AW...

HELL?



DO YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO BE SO BRUTALLY HONEST? CAN'T YOU TRY TO SOFTEN THE BLOW JUST A LITTLE?

That's
kind
of
stupid



OH...
OH...
OH...



I DON'T BELIEVE YOU.



OH...



I JUST DON'T WANT TO GO RIGHT NOW.



NO, I DON'T.

YOU'RE SO STUBBORN.

Wanna go to the pool?



See? I told you.



ONCE
I LOSE
SOME
WEIGHT,
I'LL GO
SHOW
OFF.

I CAN'T
SOONER STEP
INTO THE
RING WHEN
I KNOW I DON'T
STAND A
CHANCE OF
WINNING,
THAT'S ALL.

SIGH...
*IT'S A
LOVE/HATE
KIND
OF
THING...*

YOU'RE
KIND OF
SCARY,
YOU
KNOW
THAT?

YEAH,
BUT
YOU
WOULDN'T
DATE
ME IF I
WASNT...

AND IF
ANYONE
EVER
ASKS ME
WHY I
LOVE
HER, I'M
GONNA
TELL
THEM
"I DUNNO."





... I
WIN
!!

SAKURAKO-
SAN, YOU
SAID
ALL
I HAD
WAS MY
LOOKS
—

WELL, IT'S
NOT ALL I'VE
GOT, BUT
YOU'VE GOT
TO ADMIT
I'VE
GOT IT
GOING
ON..



LOOK
AT ME!



WE ARE
THE
POOL-
SIDE
QUEENS
TODAY !!

ANNA

THIS
FEELS
GREAT!
THIS IS
HOW IT
SHOULD
BE! ♡

OH



YEAH

OH, THIS
IS JUST
STUPID!
I CAN'T
DEAL WITH
THIS.

I'M
GONE
LOVE





SOON
THESE LATER
A GAVE UP
ON THE
POOL AS
A WEIGHT
CONTROL
OPTION



NO, I WON'T
BECAUSE
THE "ASINATOR"
IS
ENDORSED
BY
NORRMAN,
THE U.S.
KARATE
CHAMPION!

IT'S
POPULAR
IN
HOLLY-
WOOD,
TOO!

DID YOU
BUY SOME-
THING OFF
THE TV
AGAIN?
WILL YOU
NEVER
GIVE UP...?



THE NEW
"ASINATOR"
LOOKS
VERY
PROMIS-
ING!



A'S
INTERNA-
TIONAL
SHOPPING
HUNT
PACKED
A TIGHT
ONE TO
END...

FROM BACK
THEN TOOK
THEM
MICHAEL,
THEY
MICHAEL.



TO BE CONTINUED IN DOUBT?!! VOLUME 6



Afterword



THANK
YOU SO
MUCH
FOR
READING
"DOUBT!"

THIS
SERIES
ENDS
WITH
THE
NEXT
VOLUME—
VOLUME 4.



BETASOON
HAS MADE
THEIR
DECISION:
WE'RE DIS-
CONTINUING
YOUR
SERIES!

AND IT
TEETERS
ON THE
EDGE LIKE
A ONE-
PERSON
CACKEN
BRICK
UNTIL IT'S
FORCED
OFF THE
CLIFF!



AND IT
DIDN'T
CATCH
ON, WILL
DISCONTI-
NUATE IT
IN FOUR
MONTHS.

THIS
SERIES
WAS
BORN
ON THE
EDGE
OF A
CLIFF.

Even after we heard about the decision to cancel the series, I made up my mind about it and they too got on another 4 months. I'm really grateful for that.



SINCERELY

TO BE
HONEST, I'M
OKAY WITH IT.
I DIDN'T
EXPECT
THAT THE
SERIES
WOULD
LAST THIS
LONG.

Thank
you so
much
for your
support.

BAM

NO ONE KNOWS HOW THE SERIES IS GONNA END YET.

The drama isn't over yet!

MUCH TO OUR SURPRISE, THE AUTHOR HASN'T EVEN STARTED ON THE LAST CHAPTER YET!!

WE KNOW THIS MUCH... VOLUME 6 WILL HAVE BIG DRAMA.

...WILL THE ARMAGEDDON FINALLY BEGIN?

AH WILL BE A THIRD-YEAR STUDENT

GOOD JOB COMPARING THIS STORY TO POISON! VERY FLATTERING!

I'M READING YOU WITH ALL MY HEART

YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY... IF YOU'RE ALREADY EATEN THE POISON, MIGHT AS WELL LICK THE PLATE, TOO! YOU'VE COME THIS FAR, SO PLEASE STICK WITH US THROUGH THE LAST VOLUME!

(AFTERWORD) — THE END